

REMARKS

By this amendment, applicants have amended claims 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, 35, 37, 44, 46, 47 and 76, and canceled claim 54. Thus, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-53 and 55-80 will be in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-24, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33-35, 38-45, 47, 50-53 and 55-80 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The Examiner has objected to claims 25, 26, 29, 32, 36, 37, 46, 48, 49 and 54 on formal grounds. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims and cancellation of claim 54 address each of the Examiner's objections. As only formal rejections are made for these claims, applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in the present application are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants thus respectfully submit that this response is fully responsive to the Office Action and places the present application in condition for allowance.


Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fees necessary in connection with this amendment, including the fees necessary in connection with the extension of time, and any other fees necessary in connection with this application, to Deposit Account Number 02-1666.

Any questions concerning this application or amendment may be directed to the undersigned agent of applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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